



BRAZIL CITY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

JULY 8, 2009

- President Ruthann Jeffries called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- The June 3 minutes were read and approved after one correction—second page under Skate Park Issues, the date Nov. 7, 2008 changed to Nov. 7, 2007.
- Treasurer's Report—Linda Messmer
Mrs. Messmer handed out the minutes from the special meeting with the Council concerning the placement of the water tower. Reported in the minutes, Ruthann Jeffries motioned to allow the City to move forward with the project of a new water tank at Craig Park at a location agreeable to the Brazil City Council, the Parks Board, and the Brazil City Water Department. Seconded by Todd Brackman. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

- Non-reverting Fund
Beginning Balance, May 31, 2009.....\$10,450.80
Revenue.....\$1.25
Disbursements.....\$0.00
Ending Balance, June 30, 2009.....\$10,452.05
- Park & Recreation Board Fund
Beginning Balance, May 31, 2009.....(\$27,030.79)
Revenue.....\$69,521.36
Disbursements.....(\$30,053.48)
Ending Balance, June 30, 2009.....\$12,437.09

The expenditure list was carefully reviewed—questions asked, discussion—and Ray Staub was most helpful getting information to the Board. The encumbrance list was reviewed and updated.

- Park Superintendent's Report—Bill Houck
Since June was such a wet month, much damage was done to the grounds and trees.
A large beech tree was blown over by the big bridge. Several people have expressed interest in the wood, but no action has been taken. There are several dead trees that need to come down.
Vandalism has increased on bridges and gazebo.
Two homeless men have been staying in Forest Park, but now both are gone. The pavilion workshop is completed—electrical, paint, reorganization of cleaning and plumbing supplies. A community service worker did painting, and John Day did the electrical work.
The pool opened under waiver for drains. The pool house women's restroom was replumbed—water lines and new flush valves. A new water line was

installed to the concession stand. There is more settling of the concrete on west end of pool.

Thanks to Tokie Kesler for the landscaping and flowers around the tennis courts, office, trees, and flag pole.

Work has started on the disc golf tees with two finished.

All basketball courts again have new nets. More nets have been ordered.

Ten more new tables were picked up from Don Bullerdick.

The lily pond in front lawn of FP appears to be leaking. Also the stone tank at the fountain is leaking badly.

Tennis court lights are being left on all night.

The blue spruce by Center Street seems to be damaged. Bill and Caroline will look at it.

- Mrs. Jeffries suggested that instead of replacing the gazebo spindles from Outdoor Leisure, buy them from Menards or other lumberyards and stain them.
- The Brad Deal Trail Sign needs to be installed at Craig Park.
- Discussion was held about solving the terrible mess left by the carnival next to the band shell. The Board will inform Rotary that inflatable's not be used again, and no rides need to be in that area. The Board has received several complaints about the carnival and its personnel—filthy, crude, improper language.
- Vandalism is increasing and crowd control is more difficult.
- Pool Report
Pool manager Madison Stevenson was absent, but Ruthann Jeffries reported that the financial condition of the pool looks bleak. The number of pool parties is down. Swimming lessons begin on Monday (M-Th) for 2 weeks. There will only be one session.
- Under audience comments, Bill Houck publicly thanked Ed Holt for his unsupervised hard work and being such an excellent employee. Also, Todd Brackman (also a Rotarian) complimented Bill Houck on doing such a wonderful job with the 4th of July Celebration. The Bemis'—Mike, Dawn, Cody and James Bush—did a great job keeping the restrooms clean. The Board heard many compliments on the great condition of the restrooms.
- Delta Theta Tau gave \$500 for picnic tables. Mrs. Jeffries publicly thanked them. A photo shoot will happen next week.
- Security officer John Day had ordered, paid for, and received black "SECURITY" T-shirts for the security personnel. Caroline McCullough

motioned to pay Mr. Day for the shirts plus order black "SECURITY" caps as well. Seconded by Linda Messmer. Carried.

- Ron Harms would like permission to donate flag and pole for the Band Shell. A flag is needed for various patriotic programs. Mr. Harms would like for the Board to light the flag. Linda Messmer motioned to allow Ron Harms to donate the flag, pole, installation at the front, east side of the Band Shell with the Board providing the installation of a light. Seconded by Todd Brackman. Carried. All the particulars will be worked out with Superintendent Houck.
- The Board discussed the tennis court lights. Either Security will turn off the lights at 11 p.m. or a timer on the electricity. A sign will be installed by the tennis courts indicating that it's lights out at 11 p.m.
- The Born Learning Trail needs to be installed. Ruthann Jeffries and Caroline McCullough will examine the newly finished Trail at Fairbanks Park, Terre Haute.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Caroline McCullough", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Caroline McCullough, Secretary